# 5-1. Essential information **Emergency flashers**

Use the emergency flashers if the vehicle malfunctions or is involved in an accident.



Press the switch to flash all the turn signal lights. To turn them off, press the switch once again.

# **⚠** NOTICE

# ■ To prevent battery discharge

Do not leave the emergency flashers on longer than necessary when the engine is not running.

# 5-1. Essential information If your vehicle needs to be towed

If towing is necessary, we recommend having your vehicle towed by your Lexus dealer or a commercial towing service, using a lift-type truck or a flat bed truck.

Use a safety chain system for all towing, and abide by the state/provincial and local laws.

If towing from the rear, the vehicle's front wheels and axles must be in good condition.  $(\rightarrow P.285)$ 

If they are damaged, use a towing dolly or flat bed truck.

#### Before towing

In the following cases, there may be a problem with your transmission. Contact your Lexus dealer before towing.

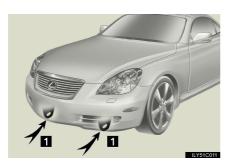
- The engine is running, but the vehicle will not move.
- The vehicle makes an abnormal sound.

### Emergency towing

If a tow truck is not available in an emergency, your vehicle may be temporarily towed by a cable or chain secured to the emergency towing eyelet(s). This should only be attempted on hard, surfaced roads for short distance at low speeds.

A driver must be in the vehicle to steer and operate the brakes. The vehicle's wheels, drive train, axles, steering and brakes must be in good condition.

#### 5-1. Essential information



Towing eyelets

#### ■ Emergency towing procedures

- STEP 1 Release the parking brake.
- STEP 2 Put the transmission in "N".
- STEP 3 The engine switch must be in "ACC" (engine off) or "ON" (engine running).

# **A** CAUTION

#### ■ Caution while towing

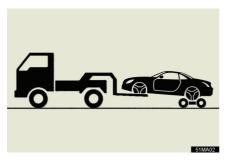
- •Use extreme caution when towing the vehicle. Avoid sudden starts or erratic driving maneuvers which would place excessive stress on the emergency towing eyelets and the cable or chain. Always use caution for the surroundings and other vehicles while towing.
- If the engine is not running, the power assist for the brakes and steering will not function, making steering and braking more difficult.

# Towing with a sling-type truck



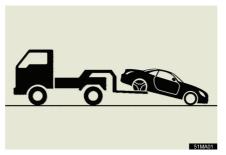
# Towing with a wheel lift-type truck

# ► From front



Use a towing dolly under the rear wheels.

# ▶ From rear

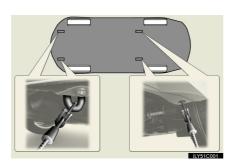


Place the key in the "ACC" position so that the steering wheel is unlocked.

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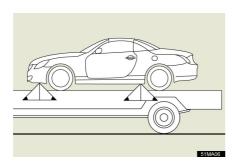
# Transporting your Lexus on a flat bed truck



If your Lexus is transported by a flat bed, it should be tied down at locations shown in the illustration.

If you use chains or cables to tie down your vehicle, the angles shaded black must be at  $45^{\circ}$ .

Do not use excessive tension on the tie downs or vehicle damage may occur.



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# **↑** NOTICE

### ■ To prevent body damage

Do not tow with a sling type truck, either from the front or rear.

#### ■ To prevent causing serious damage to the transmission

Never tow a vehicle from the rear with four wheels on the ground.

This may cause serious damage to the transmission.

#### ■ To prevent damaging the vehicle

- Do not tow with the key removed or in the LOCK position. The steering lock mechanism is not strong enough to hold the front wheels straight.
- When raising the vehicle, ensure adequate ground clearance for towing at the opposite end of the raised vehicle. Without adequate clearance, the vehicle could be damaged while being towed.

# 5-1. Essential information If you think something is wrong

If you notice any of the following symptoms, your vehicle probably needs adjustment or repair. Contact your Lexus dealer as soon as possible.

#### ■ Visible symptoms

Look for any of the following symptoms.

- Fluid leaks under the vehicle
- Water dripping from the air conditioning after use is normal
- Flat-looking tires or uneven tire wear
- Engine coolant temperature gauge needle continually points higher than normal

### Audible symptoms

Listen for any of the following symptoms.

- Change in exhaust sound
- Excessive tire squeal when cornering
- Strange noises related to suspension system
- Pinging or other noises related to engine

#### ■ Problems with operation

Check for any of the following symptoms.

- Engine missing, stumbling or running rough
- Appreciable loss of power
- Vehicle pulls heavily to one side when braking
- Vehicle pulls heavily to one side when driving on a level road
- Loss of brake effectiveness, spongy feeling, pedal almost touches floor

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# 5-1. Essential information Fuel pump shut off system

The fuel pump shut off system stops supplying fuel to the engine to minimize the risk of fuel leakage when the engine stalls or an airbag inflates.

# ■ To restart the engine after the system activates

STEP 1 Turn the engine switch to ACC or LOCK once.

STEP 2 Restart it.



#### ■ Before starting the engine

Inspect the ground under the vehicle.

If you find that fuel has leaked on to the ground, the fuel system has been damaged and is in need of repair. Do not restart the engine.

# 5-1. Essential information Event data recorder

Your vehicle has computers that monitor and control certain aspects of your vehicle. These computers assist in driving and maintaining optimal vehicle performance.

Besides storing data useful for troubleshooting, there is a system to record data in a crash or a near car crash event. This is called an Event Data Recorder (EDR).

# In a crash or a near car crash event

The SRS airbag sensor assembly contains the EDR. In a crash or a near car crash event, this device may record some or all of the following information:

- Engine speed
- Whether the brake pedal was applied or not
- Vehicle speed
- To what extent the accelerator pedal was depressed
- Position of the transmission shift lever
- Whether the driver and front passenger wore the seat belts or not
- Driver's seat position
- Front passenger's occupant classification
- SRS airbag deployment data
- SRS airbag system diagnostic data

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The information above is intended to be used for the purpose of improving vehicle safety performance. Unlike general data recorders, the EDR does not record sound data such as conversation between passengers.

#### Disclosure of the data

Lexus will not disclose the data recorded in an EDR to a third party except when:

- An agreement from the vehicle's owner (or the leasing company for a leased vehicle) is obtained
- Officially requested by the police or other authorities
- Used as a defense for Lexus in a law suit
- Ordered by a court

However, if necessary Lexus will:

- Use the data for research on Lexus vehicle safety performance
- Disclose the data to a third party for research purposes without disclosing details of the vehicle owner, and only when it is deemed necessary
- Disclose summarized data cleared of vehicle identification information to a non-Lexus organization for research purposes